

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 12, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2652 - HB 2644**

This bill, if enacted, will permit retail merchants to use statutory civil remedies for the collection of damages for merchandise stolen by employees and minors after or at the same time as any criminal prosecution for theft rather than in lieu of such prosecution. These provisions do not apply if the value of the merchandise exceeds \$500.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill will depend upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resultant increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be determined, but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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James A. Davenport, Executive Director